

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.  
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Dave Grignon, Susan Waukau, Pat Corn, Bernard Vigue, Jim Horton and Jamie Loudbear-Wayka (Housing). Wilmer Peters and Rick Warrington were also present for the meeting.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated February 27, 2004-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes dated February 27, 2004. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions (Jim Horton & Jamie Loudbear-Wayka). Motion carried.**

**4. Election of Officers-**

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

**Motion made by Pat Corn to nominate Bernard Vigue as the Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Since no other nominations were made, Bernard Vigue is the Vice-Chairman of the Community Development Committee.

Chairperson Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to nominate Pat Corn for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Since no other nominations were made, Pat Corn is the Secretary of the Community Development Committee.

**5. Clifford Madosh Land Issue-**

Bernard Vigue stated that in January the committee made a recommendation to the Menominee Tribal Legislature regarding the Clifford Madosh land issue and would like to know if it was acted on or not. Does the committee need to make another recommendation? Chairperson Johnson stated that she will check into it.

**6. Zoar Fire Station Rental-**

Bernard Vigue stated that the Menominee Tribal Legislature discussed the issue and recommended that the Budget & Finance Committee go over the issue.

**7. Timber Harvest-**

Bernard Vigue stated that a 40 acre lot near Middle Village along Hwy G is due for harvesting under the Forest Crop Law (FCL). Bernard needs three questions answered; Should the lot remain in FCL and be cut? If cut, then should it be entirely clear-cut? Who should manage the cutting project?

Committee reviewed the information provided but would like more information and would like Bernard to submit to the committee copies of the original FCL management plan, map and FCL & MFL information sheet.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to table the Timber Harvest issue until complete information is given to the committee for review and that the issue be placed on the next meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to suspend the agenda and move to #10. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

**10. C-Store Update-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the C-Store and the C-Store Sub-Committee meeting that was held on March 8, 2004.

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to accept the recommendation of the Sub Committee to proceed with the C-Store Project as a Chartered Corporation subject to grant funding this year to offset the financial cost of 1.6 million as provided in the Vierbicher Feasibility Study with the following considerations:**

- 1. Request for the Certified Land Survey Cost (approximately \$1,000) to be covered by unspent NiiJii Funds.**
- 2. The Grant Proposal contain a full time Project Coordinator/General Manager to ensure detail work is complete.**
- 3. Revisit the Supermarket Charter to include a sliding revenue scale and to address the management of the mini mall project.**
- 4. The Sustained Yield Resolution contain a provision that the timber profit be used to offset project costs; and**
- 5. The Environmental Report have a 30 day notice for a public comment period.**

**Motion was seconded Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Committee members stated that there are rumors that John's One Stop is going up for sale and how that would be an ideal location for the Tribe to look into. Some Committee members feel that Tribal/Community members will not be happy with a store in Shawano because the biggest complaints were that there wasn't anywhere on the Reservation to shop. Committee members would still like to know if the rumors are true.

**Motion made by Dave Corn that Community Development look into the property in Shawano. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to go back to agenda #8. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

**8. Building Codes-**

Rick Warrington was present and informed the committee on what he knew about the subject. Rick stated that the issue first went to the committee because there was a concern about the safety of the tribe from contractors that come to the reservation and do shoty work. Rick stated that the issue kept getting tabled by the committee until it finally disappeared from the agenda.

Rick submitted to the committee copies of the Menominee County Building Code Ordinance,

Menominee Tribal Ordinance 93-25-Interim Class III Gaming Building Codes and Menominee Tribal Dwelling Code draft ordinance.

Committee discussed the issue, no action was taken.

9. **Courthouse Construction Update/Rick Warrington-**

Rick Warrington gave the committee a brief report regarding the Courthouse construction. The issue was information only, no action taken.

Bernard Vigue stated that the courthouse construction issue will be an ongoing agenda item just to keep the committee informed on the progress.

11. **Monthly Reports-**

Committee members were concerned that not everyone is turning in their reports and want to know why they have to review the financial part of departments because they don't have the authority to do anything about it anyway. Committee members feel that just a short narrative from the department would suffice.

**Motion made by Jim Horton to discontinue the financial reports and to let Administration take care of them and that a narrative be submitted monthly from the departments that are to report to the Community Development Committee. NO SECOND-MOTION DIED.**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue and would like to go over the bylaws before any decisions are made regarding reporting.

12. **Other Business-**

Chairperson Johnson informed everyone that the committee needs to come up with some goals and objectives and they will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. **Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Bernard Vigue to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services